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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL - PAPERS OF THE FIRST  
PLENUM

REF: SOFIA 1905

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED FROM EDWARD T. WILSON  
OF THE US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, COPIES OF PAPERS OF  
THE FIRST PLENUM OF BULGARIAN-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL  
(BUSEC). EMBASSY FINDS OPENING ARTICLE OF PUBLI-  
CATION, "FIRST PLENUM HIGHLIGHTS" INAPPROPRIATE  
AND NOT IN BEST INTERESTS OF BUSEC GOAL OF PROMOTING  
BILATERAL TRADE. EXAMPLES OF FAUX PAS IN THIS  
SECTION ARE:

--THE INCREDIBLE STATEMENT, "IT WAS UNDERSTOOD  
IN PRIVATE MEETINGS THAT BULGARIA WOULD BE  
PREPARED TO ADJUST THEIR 1976-80 FIVE YEAR  
PLAN TO FIT SPECIFIC AMERICAN PROPOSALS.  
(PAGE 2)

--STATEMENT OF "BULGARIAN POLICY" TOWARD TRADE WITH  
US WHICH IS REPETITION OF BULGARIAN PROPAGANDA  
WITHOUT ANY ATTEMPT AT BALANCE. (PAGES 1 AND 2)

--PARAPHRASING OF REMARK MADE PRIVATELY TO US SIDE  
OF COUNCIL BY AMBASSADOR HERZ THAT "HE HAD NEVER  
SEEN ZHIVKOV IN SUCH AN AFFABLE AND COOPERATIVE MOOD."  
MANNER AND WORDING OF INCLUSION IN TEXT, WHILE NOT DAMAGING

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IN THEMSELVES, ARE IN QUESTIONABLE TASTE. (PAGE 1)

--STATEMENT OF BUSEC'S "FIRST PLENUM WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS". THIS OF COURSE WAS UNAVOIDABLE SINCE IT WAS THE FIRST MEETING. ALTHOUGH LINGUISTICALLY AMUSING, SUCH OVERBLOWN RHETORIC DETRACTS FROM EARNESTNESS OF ENDEAVOR.

2. EMBASSY PRESUMES IT IS TOO LATE STOP DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATION AND TO HAVE IT REVISED, BUT REQUESTS THAT THE ABOVE MATTERS BE CALLED TO ATTENTION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN APPROPRIATELY LOW-KEYED FASHION. CHAMBER MIGHT ALSO BE ADVISED THAT IN CASES SUCH AS THESE, WHERE POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC CONSIDERATIONS ARE INVOLVED, CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO PUBLICATION MIGHT PREVENT EMBARRASSMENT.  
HERZ

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